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SUBJ: GENEVA GROUP (WMO)

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1. REFTTEL A REPORTED THAT A GENEVA GROUP (WMO) MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4. PROPOSED AGENDA IS 1980-83 BUDGET, USE OF ARABIC AND PROPOSED BUDGETARY INCREASES FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
2. REFTTEL B STATED THAT US POSITION IS QUOTE THAT ZERO NET REAL PROGRAM GROWTH SHOULD BE SOUGHT THROUGHOUT UN SYSTEM UNQUOTE BUT THAT MISSION QUOTE MAY SUPPORT A GG CONSENSUS ON ANY POSITION UP TO AND INCLUDING TWO PER CENT ANNUAL REAL PROGRAM GROWTH UNQUOTE. IT WOULD SEEM USEFUL AT VERY BEGINNING TO CLARIFY,WITHOUT LOSING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIGHT OF THE FOREST FOR THE TREES, HOW TWO PER CENT ANNUAL REAL PROGRAM GROWTH RELATES TO A QUADRENNIAL BUDGET.

3. BY WAY OF COMPARISON, THE 1980-81 BUDGET OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) WILL INCORPORATE A 2 PER CENT PER ANNUM REAL INCREASE. THIS HAS BEEN

SUPPORTED BY THE US. THE BASE AND THE METHOD OF CALCULATION, HOWEVER, WAS NEVER DEFINED. THERE ARE THREE MAJOR METHODS OF ARRIVING AT THE 1980-81 LEVEL (BEFORE INCREASES FOR INFLATION AND EXCHANGE RATE FACTORS):

(A) AVERAGE THE 1978 (\$171,600,000) AND THE 1979 (\$182,730,000) BUDGETS, TAKE 2 PER CENT OF AVERAGE FOR THE FIRST YEAR AND THEN 2 PER CENT OF THE FIRST YEAR FOR A TOTAL OF \$365,030,000; (B) ARGUE THAT SINCE 1980-81 WILL BE WHO'S FIRST BIENNIAL BUDGET, ONE MUST START WITH THE LAST APPROVED BUDGET; ADD 2 PER CENT OF \$182,730,000 TO GET THE FIRST YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM AND THEN ADD 2 PER CENT OF THE FIRST YEAR FOR A TOTAL OF \$376,495,000; (C) CALCULATE 4 PER CENT OF THE COMBINED 1978 AND 1979 LEVELS FOR A TOTAL OF \$368,503,000. WHO STATES THAT IT HAS CONSIDERED ONLY B AND C AND DECIDED TO USE QUOTE THE MORE CONSERVATIVE UNQUOTE, OR OPTION C. NO OBJECTIONS TO WHO DECISION HAVE BEEN VOICED BECAUSE, WHILE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN OPTION A, OPTION C IS NONETHELESS CHEAPER THAN OPTION B. (WE NOTE INCIDENTALLY THAT IF 4 PER CENT WERE TO BE APPLIED WHEN THE BASE IS ALREADY A BIENNIAL BUDGET, AS APPEARS TO BE THE EMERGING CASE IN FAO, THE ELECTION OF OPTION C IN CONTRAST TO OPTION A WOULD SEEM TO BE OUT OF KEEPING WITH THE INTENT OF 2 PER CENT PER ANNUM.) AS APPLIED TO WMO, A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"ROLLING 2 PER CENT" OF AN AVERAGE OF THE PREVIOUS QUADRENNIUM IS LESS THAN 8 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PREVIOUS QUADRENNIUM.

4. WMO BUDGET DOCUMENT FOR 1980-83, DISTRIBUTED IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, LISTS THE ESTIMATED ACTUAL FOR 1976-79 AS \$45,291,200. AT THE TIME OF RECEIPT OF THE DOCUMENT, SUPPLEMENTALS HAD BEEN PROPOSED WHICH DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE 1976-79 FIGURE. (MISOFF'S CALCULATION OF 1976-79 CURRENTLY ESTIMATED ACTUAL WILL BE VERIFIED WITH WMO BUDGET HEAD WHEN LATTER RETURNS FROM HOLIDAYS.) FURTHER, AS MISSION HAS POINTED OUT, PERCENTAGE INCREASE FIGURES REPORTED BY WMO CANNOT BE VERIFIED USING NORMAL ARITHMETIC TECHNIQUES.

5. REF B IDENTIFIED WMO PROGRAMS TO WHICH US ASSIGNS HIGH PRIORITY. IT IS PRESUMED THAT THESE HIGH PRIORITIES COULD WARRANT INCREASES. MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR OUR PURPOSES, HOWEVER, REF B DOES NOT IDENTIFY THE WMO PROGRAMS CONSIDERED BY THE US TO BE OF LOWER PRIORITY AND ELIGIBLE FOR REDUCTION TO COMPENSATE INCREASES ELSEWHERE. THESE NEED TO BE IDENTIFIED, AND EARLY, IF

WE ARE TO MAKE HEADWAY IN ARGUING FOR ZERO NET GROWTH  
OVERALL. IT IS REQUESTED THAT MISSION BE PROVIDED  
WITH THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EQUATION IN ADVANCE OF GG  
MEETING.

6. US POSITION ON USE OF ARABIC IN WMO HAS BEEN SET  
FORTH IN STATE 161521.

7. US POSITION OF OPPOSING INCREASES IN REGULAR  
BUDGET FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS CONFRONTED WITH  
WMO PROPOSALS FOR INCREASES IN THE NEXT QUADRENNIUM  
FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND FOR REGIONAL PROGRAMS.

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UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, MISSION WILL WORK FOR  
AGREEMENT THAT INCREASES IN THESE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE  
FUNDED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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